



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370-5100

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Docket No: 3826-00
12 October 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your request for further consideration of your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 28 September 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The new evidence you submitted, which consists of the report of a psychologist who examined you on 25 January and 4 February 2000, found no evidence of a personality disorder at that time, was not considered probative of your contention that you did not suffer from a personality disorder in 1986. In this regard, the Board noted that during your recent evaluation, you were not experiencing the stresses you faced in 1986, and that you presented yourself in a favorable light, with the purpose of refuting the diagnosis which resulted in your discharge. It appears that the psychologist based his conclusions almost entirely on your representations concerning your state of mental health and what occurred in your case during your naval service. The Board found it significant that the results of the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2 you completed were described by your psychologist as not providing "much useful information" about you, and on which no conclusions or hypotheses about your psychological functioning could be drawn.

In view of the foregoing, the Board adhered to its original decision, and denied your request

for correction of your record. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director